

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of July 18, 2003. In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 18-20 and 28 were rejected. Claims 3-16 were objected to. With this response, claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 15, 18 and 20 are amended, claim 17 is added and claim 3 is canceled. All pending claims are presented for consideration and favorable action.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Those claims have been amended the rejection may be withdrawn.

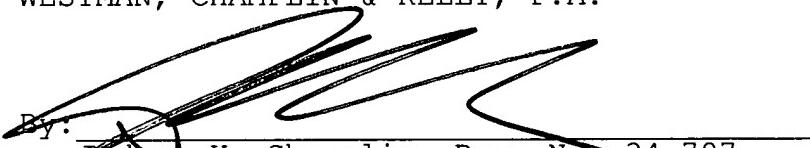
In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-2, 17-20 and 28 were rejected. However, in paragraph 5, claims 3-16 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. With this response, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claim 3. It is believed that this has placed all pending claims in condition for allowance.

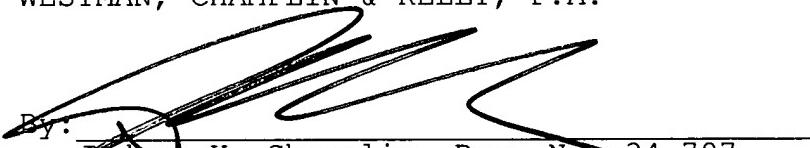
Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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